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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program (JWOD)

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) commemorates the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program during National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October. This is an appropriate time to celebrate the JWOD Program and recognize the talents, skills, and dedication of those Americans who are blind or have other severe disabilities, for they are a vital part of our workforce.

We can be proud of DLA's long tradition of providing employment and training opportunities for people with severe disabilities through our support of the JWOD Program. Individuals who are blind or have other severe disabilities provide DLA with a variety of supplies and services to include uniforms, insignia, lighting supplies, and warehousing and distribution services.

DLA is the JWOD Program's largest contracting agency for the 5th year in a row. In Fiscal Year 2004, DLA's JWOD purchases amounted to \$573.2 million or 28 percent of the total JWOD business. Mr. Steven R. Bernett, Deputy Commander, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, is the presidential appointed representative for the Department of Defense to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, the Federal Agency that administers the JWOD Program. Mr. Bernett welcomes your ideas and is prepared to assist you in taking full advantage of the JWOD Program.

This month and throughout the year, I encourage all DLA personnel to learn more about the important role you can play in the JWOD Program. More information is available at [www.jwod.gov](http://www.jwod.gov).

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